



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)

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Web site:
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

MINISTER

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ELDERS

Darrell Allen

Richard Renfro

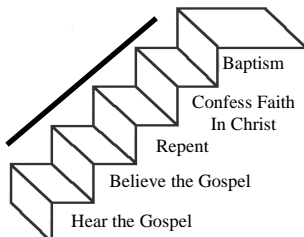
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SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17
Believe - John 8:24
Repent - Acts 17:30
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be Baptized - Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



WHY IS THAT?

Doug Post

There are roughly 8 billion people in the world, and 5 billion have access to the internet. Therefore, 62.5% of the world has immediate access to vast amounts of information in a matter of seconds. Certainly, some take advantage of this wonderful, educational opportunity, but most do not. Why is that? Many Christians have the same immediate access to vast amounts of religious and spiritual information on the internet. Some take advantage of it, but many do not. Why is that? Some Christians take advantage of Bible classes and the instruction of the Bible in their home congregations, but many do not. Why is that?

During the time of the prophet Malachi, Israel became indifferent toward God and to the Truth. They didn't care about knowing right from wrong. They didn't care about sin. Concerning what the people were saying, Malachi writes: **“You have said, ‘It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free”** (Mal. 3:14-15).

Their indifference is shocking because they were members of a nation that had a special relationship with God. Nonetheless, God rebuked their cynical disregard for right and wrong, telling them a time was coming when **“once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him”** (Mal. 3:18). It does make a difference whether we follow God's Will or not. And like those to whom Malachi preached, **we must continue learning how to distinguish between right and wrong, and good and evil.**

God demands spiritual growth, and the foundation of spiritual growth is knowledge of God's Word. The Hebrews write declares: **“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness (*the word of right doing*), for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”** (Heb.5:13-14). Spiritual indifference is a telltale sign one is drifting from God: **“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation”** (Heb.2:1-3). Drifting leads one to the point where they are unable to identify the simplest truths about right and wrong.

Paul described those in Ephesus prior to obeying Christ's gospel: **“Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity”** (Eph. 4:17-19). The God-given ability to tell right from wrong is a gift to be used properly. As with many other good gifts, we will either use it wisely or lose it.

The pagans in Jonah's day could not spiritually discern **“between their right hand and their left”** (Jonah 4:11). Many today have become like pagans in their spiritual discernment, but why is that? Because their spiritual indifference destroyed their spiritual growth.

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ

Call in your information to the office at:

972-790-8606 by Sunday evening



Ongoing Health Concerns: David West, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Vera Gleghorn, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Carol Partridge, Helen Thomas, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, LaFon Simpson, Purman Cofer, Doris Selby, Terry Henson

Home Bound Members: Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Marinell Zaun & Vera Gleghorn (room #315) – **Avante Elma Lawrence** (room #516) and **Fernando Ybarra** (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur Polly Roses** (room #206) and **Donna Davis** (room #312) – **West Fork Village Glen Kelly** – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Janice Daniel had the cancer removed above her eye. They did get all of the cancer.

Marinell Zaun has been moved to Avante (room #315) after a stay in the hospital. Vera Gleghorn has also been moved to Avante in the same room with Marinell.

Fernando Ybarra is now back at Villages on MacArthur after a stay in the hospital.

Elizabeth Garrison has tested positive for Covid.

We have many of our number who are experiencing various health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers. Daily prayers are also needed for our military, first responders and Hurricane Ian victims.

Delia Watley is starting a Quarterly Bible Class for the Ladies of the congregation. The first meeting will be on **Friday, December 2, 2022** in the Annex – time will be **6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** Please plan on participating and invite your lady friends. The first lesson is: “Let Us Come Together and Know One Another”

Please pick up a **Green Can** for **Foster’s Home For Children** and put your loose change in it for the children. We have empty cans in both foyers for you to take and fill up. The cans will be picked up in **December**.

Grocery bags with a list attached for the children at **Christ’s Haven** are in both foyers. The truck will be here to pick them up early Tuesday morning, **November 29th**. Please have your bags at the church by Monday afternoon.

Helen Thomas passed away Thursday morning. The viewing will be on Monday, November 28 from 11:30 – 12:30 and a graveside service will be at 1:00 p.m. at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetary in Dallas.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – November 27, 2022

Front Foyer: *Bobby Allen & Nora Phillips*

Back Foyer: *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON November 27, 2022

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Isabelle Conner 11/8
 Doris Selby 11/13
 Gary Workman 11/14
 Nancy Pond 11/15
 Nathan Allen 11/17
 Elma Lawrence 11/22

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Carol Lee 11/25

Song Leaders – a.m. Jerry McKey
p.m. Mike Haynes

Prayers – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
Darrell Allen

p.m. Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
Colossians 1:24-28
p.m. No one
Various passages

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Richard Renfro – Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>11/20/22</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	40	37	100
A.M. Worship	65	66	150
P.M. Worship	39	45	80
Wed. Class	33	31	85
Contribution	\$2,980	\$4,530	\$5,060

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – *Australia*
Roland & Rose Mohsen – *France*
Gary & Nadya Workman – *Ukraine*
Willie & Del Gley – *Ghana/Togo, Africa*
David & Paula Tarbet – *New Milford, CT*
Matthew & Emma Idowu Fola – *Lagos, Nigeria*
Rohan & Sandra Jones – *Cape Town, South Africa*
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – *Wotutu, Cameroon*
Dennis & Beth Johnson – *Chennai Teacher Training School – India*

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Christ’s Haven Children’s Home – *Keller, Texas*
Foster’s Home for Children – *Stephenville, Texas*
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord’s Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

Brethren, during the month of November, more emphasis is directed toward being thankful and Thanksgiving than at any other time of the year. This week our Nation will observe the one day of Thanksgiving. But the heart of thankfulness should be deep-rooted in each of us every day. Let's look to the scripture for guidance about being thankful.

Do you remember the story of the 10 lepers in Luke 17:11-19? Jesus healed 10 lepers and only one returned to thank Jesus. The others were undoubtedly excited that they were healed, but they forgot to be thankful to the very One that healed them. How often are we more like the nine lepers that failed to show their thankfulness than the one leper who did? In the midst of God's many blessings in our lives, we can sometimes become so focused on ourselves and our own life circumstances that we simply do not take the time we should to say "Thank You" to the One who blesses us so richly.

It is the pattern of the world to focus on everything worldly without any thought about our Giver of good gifts and blessings. Romans 12:2 tells us, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 we are told, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This is the pattern that we are to follow.

Have a safe and "Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!" Have a great week serving God. Pray for all of the sick, shut-ins, and the bereaved.

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